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# Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 13 November 2006, 18 July 2008

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### *Information Disclosure Statement*

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 13 November 2006 and 18 July 2008 were considered by the examiner.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims **1, 2, 5, 8-10, and 12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buelow, II et al., USPN 6,554,456 B1, published April 29, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "Buelow") in view of Kojima, JP 2001-249405 A, published September 14, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "Kojima") and further in view of Wedell, USPN 5,535,111, published July 9, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as "Wedell").

**Note:** The attached English translation of Kojima is cited in this Action.

5. Regarding claim 1, Buelow teaches an enclosed light source device (e.g., col 1, lines 12-14; "optical light system for efficiently collecting and directing light") comprising: an arc tube having a pair of main electrodes arranged on one electrode axis with leads of the main electrodes sealed with sealed portions (e.g., Figure 1 below; col 2, lines 56-57; "lamp 11 (i.e., arc tube) has

an enlarged, or bulbous, region 11a and upper and lower arms 11b and 11c (i.e., sealed portions containing electrodes as shown in figure”)); and a reflector for reflecting an outgoing light emitted from the arc tube and emitting the reflected light to the front (e.g., col 2, lines 52-54; “a reflective member 15...directs light from the left-shown side of lamp 11 into coupling device 12”; see Figure 1 below), the electrode axis of the main electrodes being arranged to cross a light axis of the outgoing light (e.g., col 3, line 12; “main axis 16 of light propagation”; see Figure 1 below, the electrode axis (i.e., the line between 11b and 11c) crosses the light axis 16), wherein the reflector is formed of a metal substrate (e.g., col 1, line 48; “PAR30 lamps”; NOTE: PAR stands for parabolic aluminum reflector, meaning that the reflector of said lamp would be aluminum) and is constructed so that a light source fitting space for holding the sealed portions of the arc tube (e.g., portions 11b and 11c in Figure 1 below) in a manner that allows heat from the arc tube to be conducted to the reflector is formed (see Figure 1 below, bulbous portion 11a, where the light emission occurs, is surrounded by reflector 15, such that heat may be conducted to the reflector); and a lens that condenses the outgoing light emitted from the arc tube to other than the second reflector portion and brings the condensed outgoing light to the predetermined condensed spot (e.g., col 3, lines 55-59; “conditioning optics 30 between coupling device 12 and target area 14...the conditioning optics can often comprise a single lens”).

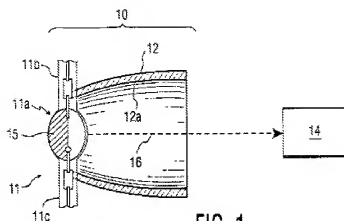
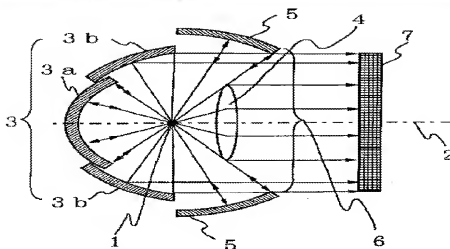


FIG. 1

6. Buelow fails to teach the shape of the reflectors and the composition of the lens.
7. Kojima teaches a first reflector portion formed with a spherical surface centered at a light generation point of the arc tube is formed on a rear side from the arc tube as a boundary (e.g., [0021]; “the main reflector 3 consists of...the surface-of-a-sphere reflector 3a”; see Figure 5 below), a second reflector portion formed with an ellipsoid is formed in front of the boundary of the arc tube (e.g., [0021]; “the main reflector 3 consists of paraboloid-of-revolution reflectors 3b”; see Figure 5 below), and the outgoing light emitted from the arc tube is reflected by the first and second reflector portions so that the reflected light reaches a predetermined condensed spot (e.g., see Figure 5 below, the light source is located at the focus of each of the two reflectors, therefore the light is reflected back to the light source and creates a condensed spot of light).

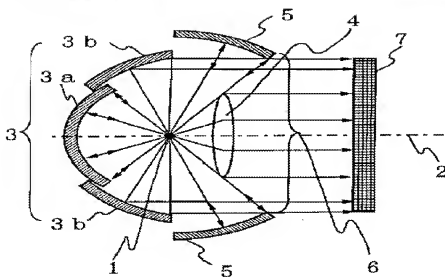
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8. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the application was made to utilize two reflectors of different shapes in order to fully realize the efficiency potential of the projector apparatus by reflecting all possible light emitted from the arc tube such that the light can be condensed and emitted in a forward direction only (Kojima; [0016]).
9. Buelow and Kojima fail to teach the composition of the lens.
10. Wedell teaches a lens consists of a glass material that will not deteriorate under a high-temperature atmosphere in a vicinity of the arc tube (e.g., col 3, lines 22-23; "lens 28 is preferably formed of tempered glass").
11. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a tempered glass material to make the condensing lens in order to obtain the well known benefit of a longer useful life of the lens and, therefore, a lower cost of maintaining the projection device.
12. Regarding claim 2, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Kojima further teaches the lens is positioned so that a principal point thereof is located on the optical axis while a periphery of the lens is located at a position at

which, of the outgoing light beams emitted forwards from the arc tube, the light beam illuminating a vicinity of an opening of the second reflector portion intersects the light beam that is reflected at an innermost position of the second reflector and brought to the condensed spot (see Figure 5 below, the lens 4 is situated on the optical axis and all light emitted from light source 1 reaches the condensed area 7 where the image forms).

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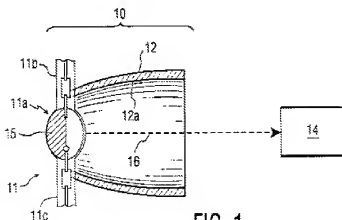


13. Regarding claim 5, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Kojima further teaches a luminance equalization means for equalizing a surface luminance of the light beams by shaping light that is emitted from the arc tube and reaches the condensed spot after reflection by the first reflector portion and the second reflector portion or after condensation by the lens into a designated pattern and by mixing by multiple reflection is integrally provided at a front end of the reflector, forming an enclosed structure of the reflector (e.g., [0021]; “auxiliary reflector 5...is arranged so that a light source 1 may serve as a focus, and the same circular opening 6 as the form of the circular non-glaring body 7 is formed in the auxiliary reflector 5”; see Figure 5 above).

14. Regarding claim 12, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Kojima further teaches a video display apparatus (e.g., [0001]; "light installation used for a projector") in which the invention of claim 1 is used.

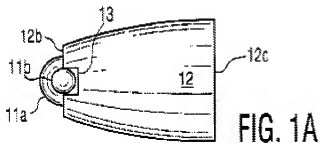
15. Regarding claims 2, 5, and 12, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the lens and reflectors in the configuration as taught by Kojima, because said configuration increases light emission efficiency (Kojima; [0016]).

16. Regarding claim 8, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Buelow further teaches sealed portions that seal the leads of the main electrodes (e.g., portions 11b and 11c) are formed on both sides of the light generation point of the arc tube (e.g., portion 11a), and the heat radiation members are arranged between the sealed portions and the reflector (see Figure 1 below, heat radiation portion 11a, i.e., the part of the lamp that emits the light, and therefore the heat, is located between the sealed portions 11b and 11c and the reflector 15).





17. Regarding claim 9, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Buelow further teaches the reflector has a separable structure such that it can be separated at a boundary containing the electrode axis of the arc tube into a first reflector part that forms the first reflector portion and a second reflector part that forms the second reflector portion (e.g., see Figure 1 above, first reflector portion 15 is separable from second reflector portion 12 at the electrode axis), and a light source fitting groove in which the sealed portions of the arc tube are arranged is formed in a separated face of the separable structure (e.g., col 2, lines 64-65; “recess 13 receiving top arm 11b of the lamp and another recess (not shown in Fig. 1A) receiving lower arm 11c”; see Figure 1A below; light source fitting groove 13 is located at the separated face of reflector 12).



18. Regarding claim 10, Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 1, and Buelow further teaches the reflector has a separable structure such that it can be separated along a plane parallel to the optical axis (e.g., Figure 1 below, reflector 15 can be separated from reflector 12 along a plane parallel to optical axis 16 because the top and bottom of reflector 15 does not touch reflector 12).

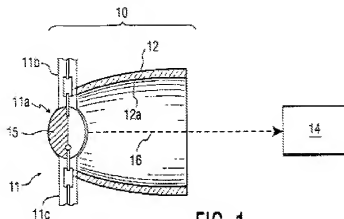


FIG. 1

19. Claims **6 and 7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buelow in view of Kojima and further in view of Wedell as applied to claims 1 and 5 respectively above, and further in view of Roberts et al., USPN 6,200,005 B1, published March 13, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "Roberts").

20. Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the inventions as explained above regarding claims 1 and 5 respectively, and Buelow further teaches the reflector is formed of an aluminum substrate (e.g., col 1, line 48; "PAR30 lamps"; NOTE: PAR stands for parabolic aluminum reflector, meaning that the reflector of said lamp would be aluminum), and the luminance equalization means has a cylindrical configuration (e.g., col 4, lines 17-20; "member 52 can be a tubular (i.e., cylindrical)...rod...that can have one or more of IR, UV or AR coatings on either or both of its inlet (left-shown) surface and its outlet surface 52a"; see Figure 7 below). Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell fail to teach the specific order of coatings on the reflector or the equalization means.

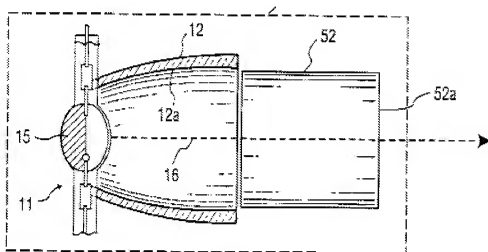


FIG. 7

21. Roberts teaches the reflector (or luminance equalization means) is formed of a layer for converting an infrared component into heat is formed on a reflecting surfaces of the first reflector portion and the second reflector portion, a dielectric reflection multi-coating is formed over the layer for heat conversion with a flattening layer provided in-between, so that visible light rays reach the predetermined condensed spot (e.g., col 2, lines 56-59; "a multilayer dichroic cold mirror coating (i.e., dielectric reflection multi-coating) over an absorbing layer (i.e., flattening layer) for spherical back reflector 20 (i.e., layer for heat conversion) may be preferable").

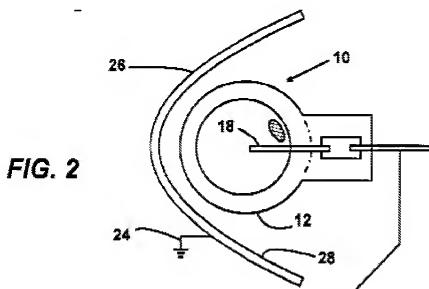
22. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the coatings as taught by Roberts on a reflector or on a luminance equalization means in order to produce the well known benefit of reducing the infrared and heat output of the lamp (Roberts, col 2, lines 58-59).

23. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buelow in view of Kojima and further in view of Wedell as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Lapatovich, UPSN 6,566,817 B2, published May 20, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as

"Lapatovich") and Ishino et al., USPN 7,234,845 B2, filed November 12, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "Ishino").

24. Buelow, Kojima, and Wedell teach the invention as explained above regarding claim 8, but fail to teach the reflector is grounded and electrically connected to an electrode.

25. Lapatovich teaches the reflector is grounded (e.g., Figure 2 below; col 2, line 32; "a ground 24 may be provided adjacent to envelope 12. Ground 24 may be part of a surface 26 of a reflector").



26. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to ground the reflector in order to provide a means of dispersing the current that would be applied to reflector from the lamp.

27. Buelow, Kojima, Wedell, and Lapatovich fail to teach the electrode is electrically connected to the reflector.

28. Ishino teaches an annular auxiliary electrode that encloses a proximal end side of the sealed portion of the arc tube is provided and the auxiliary electrode is electrically connected to

the reflector (e.g., col 7, lines 22-24; “the terminal portions 16a, 16a and 16b are connected to the electrode terminals 12b, 12b and the reflector 13 to electrically connect such portions”).

29. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to electrically connect the electrode to the reflector in order to obtain the well known benefit of heat dissipation from the lamp to the reflector in order to increase the life of the lamp.

### *Conclusion*

30. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARY ELLEN BOWMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-5383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. EST.

31. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Kimberly D. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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